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Applicants : LUKAS HOWALD ET AL.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 26, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

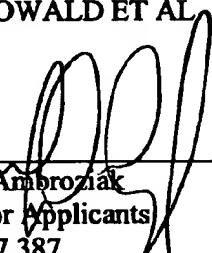
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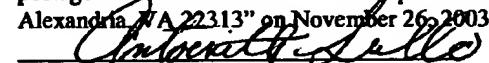
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